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I THOUGHT IF I STAYED AWAY, IT WOULD KEEP HIM SAFE.

EDDIE. DYLAN. EVEN YOU.

I THOUGHT I WAS *POISON* TO YOU ALL. I EVEN MADE IT MY *NAME.*

BUT LOOK AT HIM, PETER.

HE IS ONLY A *CHILD,* BURDENED WITH THE FATE OF *ALL TIME.*

DYLAN BROCK NEEDS ME, PETER.

IN A WAY YOU NEVER DID.

I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME. I CAN FEEL IT IN YOUR MIND.

YOU THINK BECAUSE I'VE LOST THIS FIGHT SO MANY TIMES...

...THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

YOU THINK THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU WILL SEE ME. BUT EVEN IF IT *IS*...

...YOU HAVE TO LET ME GO.

BUT YOU DON'T WANT THAT, DO YOU?

YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, DEEP IN YOUR BONES.

YOU LOVE HIM.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT *VENOM.*

NO. I AM *EVENTUAL.*

MAKING LESS SENSE ISN'T HELPING ANYONE, BIG SCARY VOICE!

YES. HUMOR. I REMEMBER HUMOR.

MY SPIDER-SENSE...

I THOUGHT IT WAS A SHIELD.

...IT'S ON *FIRE...*

BUT IT WAS JUST A MASK.

SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK AT MY TRUE FACE.

BEHOLD THE WORLD TO COME.

RIP AWAY YOUR HUMAN SKIN...

COME, LITTLE SPIDER.

HOLD FAST TO THE POWER OF KLYNTAR.

UNLOCK YOURSELF FROM THE VEIL OF TIME.

AND SEE THE KING IN BLACK BENEATH.

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SPIDER-MAN #3

EDDIE BROCK and his son, **DYLAN**, are at war for control of the **VENOM SYMBIOTE!** The symbiote, believing all host bonds ill-fated, slunk off to die alone in the last place anyone would ever think to look--the **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**'s closet. But Peter Parker, the symbiote's first host, convinced the symbiote to bond with him once more after realizing their shared responsibility is helping to end the conflict. Spidey is back in black!

Spidey and Mary Jane, A.K.A. **JACKPOT**, fought **ARACHNIOTE**, an ancient mega-klyntar feared even by symbiotes. After MJ subdued the monster, Spidey and Venom raced off to join the main event between the Brocks, battling Bedlam and the other symbiotes. But just when Peter thought the war was over, another terrifying symbiote-like entity began filling his head with dark omens...

Now, as he weighs surrendering the Venom symbiote, Peter Parker witnesses the future...were he to stay with Venom forever...

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FROM WORLD TO WORLD, MY WEB STRETCHES THROUGH THE VOID.

I GIVE FORM TO INFINITY AND SIT AT THE CENTER OF THE STARS.

I AM THE KING OF ALL THAT REMAINS IN THIS EMPTY, WEBBED UNIVERSE...

...AND I'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM QUEENS.

THE FEW WHO REMAIN BEYOND MY CONTROL NOW MARSHAL AGAINST ME. I CAN *SENSE* IT.

EVERY ONE OF THEM, ONCE A FRIEND.

EVEN NOW, THEY ARE *SO VERY BRAVE.*

THWIP

I WISH IT HADN'T COME TO THIS.

IT'S THE KIND OF THING I'VE HEARD TYRANTS SAY ACROSS CENTURIES, BUT NOW, IN THIS TERRIBLE MOMENT, I MEAN IT GENUINELY. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR...SO LONG.

VILLAINS. HEROES. ARMADAS. EMPIRES.

EVER SINCE THAT DAY IN NEW YORK. MY SO-CALLED VICTORY. MARY JANE'S MASTERY OF THE ARACHNIOTE. OUR RULE AS KING AND QUEEN...UNTIL SHE WAS CONSUMED.

UNTIL OUR DAUGHTER CHOSE THE DARKNESS OF GROOTSPACE OVER FEELING HER GRIEF.

THEY'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY I PROTECT THEM. WHAT I LOST ALL THOSE YEARS AGO WITH A SINGLE CHOICE.

INSTEAD, THEY RAGE AGAINST THE DYING OF THEIR CHAOTIC GALAXY. I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF, IN THIS MOMENT MORE THAN ANY OTHER...

...THIS IS MY FAULT.

PETER FRAGGING PARKER! IF YOU'RE STILL IN THERE ENOUGH TO HEAR ME, I WANT YOU TO KNOW--

--IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!

ONE LAST RIDE, *GUARDIANS.*

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF--I'M STILL PLANNING ON *LIVING FOREVER.*

I AM GROOT.

YEAH, I'M WITH *HIM.*

WE GET ONE CHANCE AT THIS, SO WE *HIT HIM HARD.*

HIS SPIDER-SENSE'LL HAVE TOLD HIM WE'RE COMING, SO ALL WE CAN DO IS *FORGET* THE MAN HE WAS AND *SHOW NO MERCY.*

HE HAS DEFACED THE SPACEWAYS BEYOND RECOGNITION.

THERE IS NO LONGER MERCY TO OFFER.

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS *SMASH.*

AND IT'S GOING TO FEEL GOOD.

ARACHNIOTE, THIS IS YOUR OP. WE GO ON YOUR ORDER.

WE KNOW YOU CAN HEAR US, PETER PARKER! THE OTHERS THINK YOU'RE LOST IN THAT BLACKNESS, BUT *WE* KNOW THE TRUTH!

WE KNOW YOU'RE MAKING THIS ABOUT *YOU.* BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS IS FOR EVERYONE YOU CUT DOWN IN PURSUIT OF SOLACE.

AND WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR THE LOST, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO SAY:

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

SHOK

FOR MY SISTER!

FOR EARTH!

FOR STEVE!

YES. EXACTLY. THEIR MEMORY MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME.

THEIR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.

FOR THE SICK WHO DIED IN PAIN.

FOR EVERY VICTIM WE COULDN'T PROTECT.

IT'S FOR THEM I MADE THIS UNIVERSE A PLACE OF ORDER AND PEACE.

YOU DEFILE THEIR MEMORY BY FORCING MY HAND AGAIN.

BUT MAYBE THAT'S ALWAYS JUST MY LOT IN LIFE, HUH?

YOU KILLED MY HUSBAND, YOU MONSTER!

GREAT POWER.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

AND EVEN GREATER GRIEF.

OH MY GOD.

IT'S SO... IT'S SO DARK.

WAS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED, ARACHNIOTE? YOU WEREN'T SATISFIED CONSUMING *MY WIFE AND MY FRIENDS*...

...YOU HAD TO CONSUME THEIR FUTURES AS WELL?

FUTURE?!

WHAT FUTURE?!

YOU NEVER TRUSTED ANYONE AFTER YOU LOST HER! YOU BLAMED YOURSELF, YOU BLAMED US, YOU BLAMED YOUR DAUGHTER--

DON'T YOU DARE TALK ABOUT MY DAUGHTER! YOU'RE THE REASON I LOST HER!

YOU DIDN'T...

...LOSE HER...

YOU JUST COULDN'T SEE.

I SEE THE ENTIRETY OF TIME.

I SEE THROUGH EVERY SYMBIOTE, IN EVERY MOMENT.

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WAS FOR MY FAMILY.

BUT THEY'RE GONE.

HRGK!

EVERY SYMBIOTE... EXCEPT US...

WE WERE NEVER GONE, DAD.

WE JUST WEREN'T YOURS.

...MAY?

PETER.

PETER, CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?

COME BACK TO ME.

YOU ARE LOST IN TIME.

BUT TIME IS A LIAR. LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE NOW.

IT'S AS YOU TOLD ME.

WE ALL HAVE A CHOICE.

AND AS LONG AS THAT'S TRUE...

...NOTHING IS EVENTUAL.

OKAY. ALL RIGHT. YEAH...

...TIME TO CHOOSE.

GOODBYE, FRIEND.

GOODBYE, VENOM.

IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED. A FRIENDSHIP. A PARTNERSHIP, EVEN.

BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY...

...THEY ARE VENOM!

SPIDER-MAN! IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS FIGHT!

PARKER BRAINS ARE BACK ON THE MENU!

BEEBEEBEEP! BEEBEEBEEP!

A PHONE CALL? IN THIS ECONOMY? READ THE ROOM, ROBOCALL.

THIS IS THE SPIDER-MAN EMERGENCY HOTLINE. ALL AGENTS ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING EXTRATERRESTRIAL SYMBIOTE MONSTERS, PLEASE *HOLD--*

BEEP

PETER, IT'S PAUL, THERE'S NO TIME. **MARY JANE'S** VITALS ARE **SPIKING--** THEN THEY'RE **GONE--** THEN THEY'RE **BACK.** THE GAUNTLETS ARE SERVING **ERROR CODES** I'VE **NEVER SEEN!**

SHE WENT TO FIGHT THAT **ARACHNIOTE THING** USING THOSE POWERS YOU AND YOUR FRIEND UNLOCKED-- AND NOW SHE'S GONE **COMPLETELY DARK!**

I **TOLD** YOU THIS COULD HAPPEN. THE JACKPOT GAUNTLETS ARE DANGEROUS--SHE COULD BE **DEAD.**

NO. I CAN SAVE HER. I CAN DO THIS.

PETER, HER POWERS ARE **WELL** BEYOND YOURS AT HER CURRENT SET. WHAT THE **HELL** ARE YOU GONNA DO THAT SHE **COULDN'T?**

I DON'T KNOW, PAUL. THAT'S WHAT THE ***TRYING*** IS FOR.

BUT NO MATTER ***WHAT*** HAPPENS...

"...I'M NOT LOSING ANYONE *ELSE* TONIGHT."

TO BE CONTINUED!

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THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

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